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For : GENETIC POLYMORPHISMS WHICH ARE )  
ASSOCIATED WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM )  
DISORDERS )  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Kindly enter the following preliminary amendments in the above-captioned application.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 1, lines 10-11, Please delete the second paragraph on page 1, and insert therefor the following paragraph:

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-- This application is a divisional application of U.S. Serial No. 09/095,117 filed June 10, 1998 and claims priority from U.S. Provisional Patent application Serial No. 60/049,803, filed June 17, 1997. --

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 1-31, 36, 39 and 40.

Please delete claims 32-35, 37 and 41 as originally filed and substitute therefor the following amended claims:

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32. (Amended) A method for screening subjects for a genetic marker associated with autism, comprising: